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In re Application of: Shmulewitz, et al.)

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Application No.: 09/320,172)

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Retropulsion and Methods of Use)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED OCTOBER 6, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 6, 2003.

On March 2, 2002 applicant filed a "Response to Office Action Dated January 2, 2002 and Transmittal of New Power of Attorney" which was accompanied by a Power of Attorney signed by Norwick B. H. Goodspeed, the President and Chief Executive Officer of TransVascular, Inc., the current assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to this patent application. The Power of Attorney appointed Robert D. Buyan, Registration No. 32,460, and the attorneys and agents of the firm of Stout, Uxa, Buyan & Mullins, L.L.P. as counsel of record in connection with this application. A copy of this response and the accompanying Power of Attorney are appended hereto as Exhibit A.

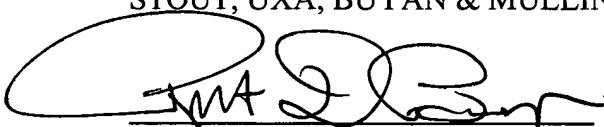
On April 1, 2002, the undersigned counsel received back from the Office a stamped return post card indicating that the Power of Attorney had in fact been received by the Office. A copy of this stamped return post card is appended hereto as Exhibit B.

On May 23, 2002, the undersigned counsel received a Notice Regarding Power of Attorney dated May 12, 2002, indicating that the Power of Attorney filed on March 2, 2002 had been accepted. A copy of this notice is appended hereto as Exhibit C.

In view of the foregoing, the Office Communication dated October 6, 2003 appears to be in error. A duly executed Power of Attorney was previously filed and accepted by the Office.

Respectfully submitted,
STOUT, UXA, BUYAN & MULLINS, LLP

Date: November 6, 2003



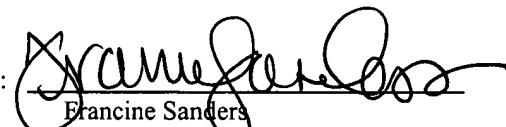
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 6, 2003.

Dated: November 6, 2003

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